



African Goat Improvement Network Workshop V

Agriculture Research Council BTP Onderstepoort South Africa

TRAVELLER'S INFORMATION FOR THE AFRICAN GOAT IMPROVEMENT NETWORK V WORKSHOP

Agricultural Research Council-Biotechnology looks forward to welcoming you to the African Goat Improvement Network V (AGIN V), held in Pretoria from the 31 October-02 November 2017! We have compiled some information to help you prepare for your trip to South Africa.

ARRIVING AT OR TAMBO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

When you land at OR Tambo International Airport, you will go through customs, get cleared and collect your luggage. For a smooth and pleasant experience, please fill in your Traveler's Card (if provided) truthfully, do not bring prohibited goods such as narcotics, unlicensed weapons, explosives and fireworks, cigarettes or tobacco exceeding 2kg etc. as these will delay your process and some you can face criminal charges. If unsure on what to bring or not to bring, please get information prior to leaving your country. More information can be found at the SA embassy when you apply for VISA!

Welcome to South Africa!

You will walk out into the main airport building at Terminal A – International Arrivals.

There are a number of restaurants, shops, Foreign Exchange providers and banks at the airport for you to visit and enjoy. You can change your currency at this point and buy a local sim card for your phone if you wish to do so.

While walking around, please do keep an eye on your luggage and documents. Do not leave your items unattended.

GETTING TO THE HOTEL: Protea Hotel by Marriot Pretoria Hatfield (1141 Burnet St, Hatfield)

There are several ways of getting to the hotel. The quickest way and cheapest way to get to the hotel is by using the Gautrain, a high-speed train that links the East of Johannesburg (where OR Tambo International Airport is) to Hatfield, Pretoria. We recommend the use of the gautrain, however, please feel free to use which ever one you prefer.

GAUTRAIN

The first train leaves OR Tambo at approximately 04:50 a.m. and the last of the day leaves at 21:20 p.m. Trains leave the station every 15-30 mins depending on the time of day.



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1. Upon walking out of Terminal A – International Arrivals at the airport, go to your right.
2. Go up the escalator that has the yellow 'Train' sign indicating when the next train departs for Sandton/Marlboro (Marlboro is the main station that you will initially travel to).
3. At the top of the escalator, walk straight ahead (there will be a KFC on your right hand side) and go up the next escalator with the yellow 'Train' sign above it.
4. Once at the top of the escalator, go straight into the Gautrain area. The first train
5. You will need to buy a ticket. You can use the machines to your right or get help from the manned Ticket Kiosk, also to your right. In order to use the Gautrain, you must buy a Gold Card that looks like the one in Figure 1. The Gold card costs R16 (± 1.3 USD) non-refundable).



Figure 1: Gautrain gold card.

6. Once you have your Gold Card, load the required fare to Hatfield (R174 = ± 13.5 USD for a single trip) and then use it to tap through the access gate and follow the signs to the Platform.
7. As shown in Figure 2, your trip is the red line to Hatfield.

Please note that eating and drinking is forbidden on the Gautrain, if found you will be liable for fines for up to R700.

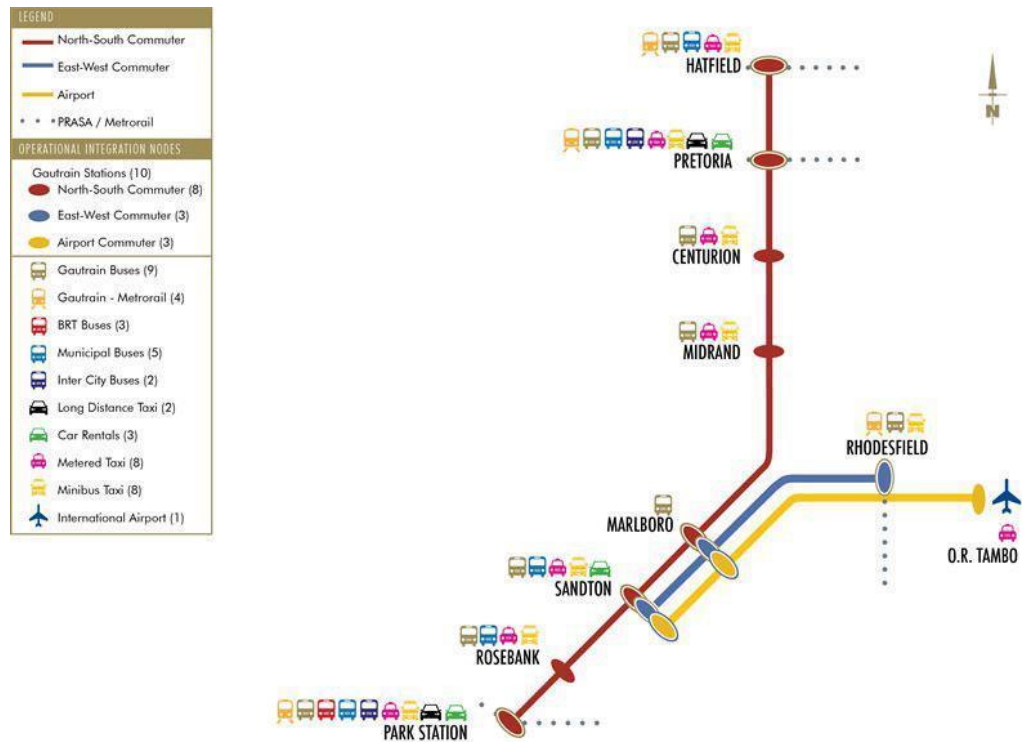


Figure 2: Route from OR Tambo to Hatfield.

- As the train nears Marlboro, an announcement will prompt passengers to change trains at the Marlboro station, **you will need to change trains.**
- When the train stops at Marlboro station, disembark and get onto the next train going to the North. If unsure, the gautrain staff and security are friendly and will assist you in getting to the next train. Please ask them and not the passengers. They will also be security in the train.
- Once you are on this train, you will get off at the Hatfield station (last stop).
- Exit the train and go up one floor using the stairs, escalator or lift.
- Tap your Gold Card to open the access gate and exit the station.
- The hotel is a walking distance (2 blocks) from the station. If you prefer a shuttle, please send an email to Khanyi (MdladlaK@arc.agric.za) before 20th October 2017; it is complementary with the hotel we just need to arrange it for pick-up times.

Gautrain also as an official app that could be downloaded from itunes and google play. It has everything you need to know about the gautrain including timetable, and fares. It is very efficient and informative; we recommend that you download it.



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IF YOU ARE WALKING TO THE PROTEA HOTEL HATFIELD (700m from station, 5-10 mins walk)

1. Head east towards Duncan/Jan Shoba St/M7
2. Turn right into Duncan/Jan Shoba St/M7 (walk for 400m; Agricultural Research Council Central Office will be on your right).
3. Turn onto Burnet St (walk 300m), Protea Hotel by Marriot Pretoria Hatfield (1141 Burnet St, Hatfield), will be on your left.

OTHER WAYS OF GETTING TO THE HOTEL

1. Cab companies: there are a number of cab companies you can call to arrange a ride. If you prefer to use this service, expect to pay from R450 to R600 (±35USD to 46USD) per transfer or per person. Please ask before using the service
2. Uber: you can download the Uber app on your phone and book a car through there. You will be charged according to your data rates for international roaming. Fare starts from R425 (±33USD).

If pooling the ride together, it could be cheaper, however, we urge that you confirm before getting if it is per transfer or per person. In addition, if using these options, please ensure that you use marked cars and get information before getting into the cab or Uber car. While it is also a safe option, please be vigilant of suspicious activities, and do not take risks. If it does not feel right, it is not right!

GETTING BACK TO OR TAMBO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

1. You can take a cab/uber or the Gautrain back to the airport. If you are planning on taking the Gautrain, do note that you will need to board the airport-bound train at Marlboro station as you did when coming from OR Tambo.

Looking forward to seeing you at AGIN VI!

Have a safe trip and again welcome to South Africa!

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you are lost, and unsure, we will gladly assist!

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